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Subject: Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

To: Kevin Elliott, Forest Supervisor
Allegheny National Forest

The hemlock woolly adelgid*, Adelges tsugae* (HWA), was introduced into the Eastern United States from Asia in the early 1950s near Richmond, Virginia. The adelgid was present on some exotic tree species that a private collector planted in his arboretum. The distribution of the HWA remained localized until the 1960s. The population has since spread throughout the Northeastern United States. Hemlock woolly adelgid has been report in present on the Monongahela since 1992 and is now found throughout most of the forest. The impact on the host species, eastern hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*), is severe. Significant tree mortality usually occurs within 4 to 7 years after infestation. This insect pest not only threatens the hemlock resource but also threatens the unique ecosystem it helps to comprise.

Key points

1. training
2. campground
3. forest plan taking into account the impact this insect will have on hemlock resources within the Allegheny national forest.
4. High value areas monitoring

The time to take action working on documents and nepa. Time to take action is now.

If you have any questions or need any more information please feel free to contact Rick Turcotte at (304) 285-1544.

Sincerely,

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